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Dear Clarke: I am very glad indeed to get your data. It is all very interesting. What we want, as you intimate, is the actual date or dates of going into physical operations as a central station. Keily in a Buller issued for Insull's cost in Chicago in 1920 say that the Western Edison Co (preds of the Chicago Edison) "sold the machinery for a small water power driven central station, which was put into operation in Appleton, on or about Oct 15, 1882".

That is quite definite from a proper source of information, and seems to go with the other data in the case.

The absence of references in the Bulletin to Newburgh's factory, but of course, no evidence or conclusive. Newburgh was a show plant with Frank Hastings, who sent wheels up there from Pearl St. very early in the game 1882-3. I have it up with them now. I have a vague but curiously vivid recollection of being sent by Hastings or Johnsons up to see the R'burgh central station plant in one of the mills along the river front. I was after news for the "Second World" started as a separate paper May, 1883, but I was working at the "Operato. the world" before that.